

REMARKS

Reconsideration and the timely allowance of the pending claims, in view of the following remarks, are respectfully requested.

In the Office Action dated March 22, 2006, the Examiner rejected claims 1-17, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by Lynch '423 (U.S. Patent No. 5,438,423); and rejected claims 1-2, 7, 9-11, and 16, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), as allegedly being anticipated by Ahmad '441 (U.S. Patent No. 6,259,441).

By this Amendment, claims 1-8 and 10-17 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer, claim 9 has been amended to provide a clearer presentation of the claimed subject matter, and new claims 18-19 have been added. Applicant submits that no new matter has been introduced. As such, claims 9 and 18-19 are currently presented for examination of which claims 9 and 18 are the sole independent claims.

Applicant respectfully traverse the prior art rejections, under 35 U.S.C. §102(e), for the following reasons.

I. Prior Art Rejections

As noted above, independent claim 9 positively recites, *inter alia*, that, upon determining that a predetermined storage mode is set, start recording the external input signal and start storage processing of data corresponding to a part of the external input signal by using a designated buffer area. Claim 1 also positively recites that, upon determining that the predetermined storage mode is not set, start delete processing to delete the data in the buffer area. These claimed features are amply supported by the embodiments disclosed in the Specification. (*See*, Originally-filed Specification: page 17, line 23 – page 18, line 3; FIGs. 3, 5).

Unlike the present invention, none of the asserted references teach or suggest each and every element of claim 1, including the features identified above. In particular, neither the Lynch '423 nor the Ahmad '441 reference teaches or suggests the

use of delete processing to delete the data in the buffer area, much less that such processing begins upon determining that the predetermined storage mode is not set, as required by independent claim 9.

For at least these reasons, Applicant submits that the none of the asserted references, whether taken alone or in reasonable combination, teach or suggest the claimed combination of elements recited by amended claim 9. Accordingly, Applicant submits that claim 9 is patentable and request the immediate withdrawal of the prior art rejections of claim 9. Because new claim 18 depends from claim 9, claim 18 is at least patentable by virtue of dependency as well as for its additional recitations, such as, for example, the simultaneous display of the images corresponding to both the external input signal and the reproduced recorded external input signal on the same screen.

In addition, because new independent claim 18 recites features that are similar to the features identified above as being patentable in claim 9, claim 18 is also patentable for at least the reasons presented with respect to claim 9. And, because claims 19 depends from claim 18, claim 19 is at least patentable by virtue of dependency as well as for its additional recitations, such as, for example, the simultaneous display of the images corresponding to both the external input signal and the reproduced recorded external input signal on the same screen.

II. Conclusion.

All matters having been addressed and in view of the foregoing, Applicant respectfully requests the entry of this Amendment, the Examiner's reconsideration of this application, and the immediate allowance of all pending claims.

Applicant's Counsel remains ready to assist the Examiner in any way to facilitate and expedite the prosecution of this matter. If any point remains in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, please contact the Undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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Respectfully submitted,

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